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Friday, Dec. 22nd.—Class IV. (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).

Wednesday, Dec. 27th.—Class I. (Chief Inspector Kerr); Class IV. (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).

Thursday, Dec. 28th.—Class III. (Inspector Gerrard).

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INSPECTION OF ARMS.

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A proclamation by His Majesty the King of Siam states that owing to the increase in Siam's trade and prosperity leading to a need for a new commercial flag more easily recognized at a distance and of such design that war-vessels flying it will be discriminated from merchantmen, and also on account of the difficulty in making elephants for flags of proper design, it is ordered that in future the official flag be white, elegant, capacious and standing on a white platform, on a red ground, the head of the elephant to be facing the mast. For the merchant marine the flag will be rectangular, and bear two white horizontal stripes on a red ground. Flags will fly the merchant flag with a white border.

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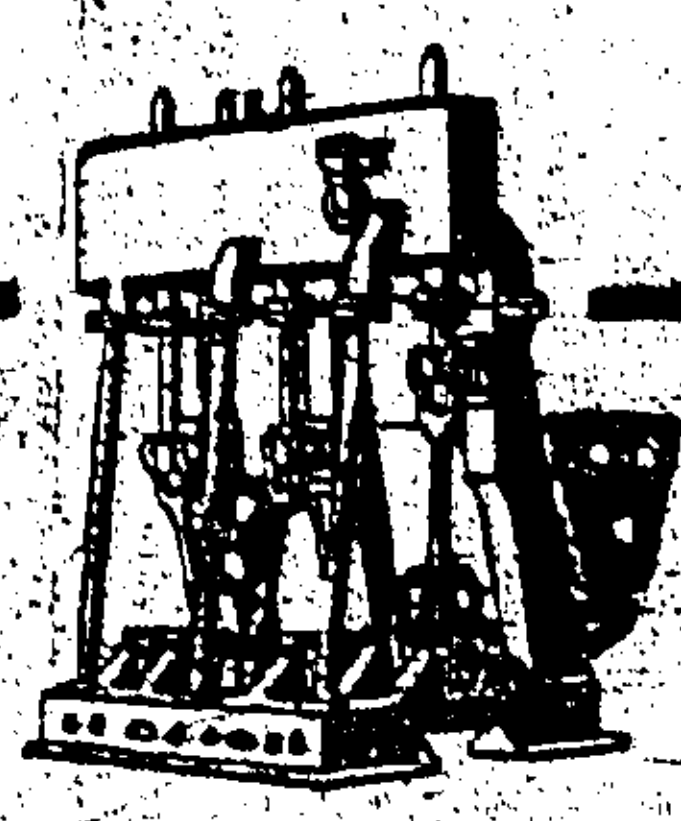
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H. E. POLLOCK,
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W. D. SRAFT,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1915. 1338

NATIONAL MISSION.

A WISH has been expressed by many of those who attended the Services of the National Mission, that Mr. W. M. Humphreys, 16 Queen's Road, will be glad to receive any further donations from any who have not subscribed and wish to do so.

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A BEE FIGHT IN EAST AFRICA.

AMUSING INTERLUDE IN THE CAMPAIGN.

(By Vere Stent, in the "Pictorial News.")

The scene is set. You have some idea of our atmosphere and surroundings. The curtain rises on our hot line of march safari fashion. I rode with the staff, more often we walked, leading our horses or halting, dismounted and crept beneath such shade as we could find in the long grass, while the advanced guard held the enemy before us. We had hardly been on the move an hour when word was sent that the advanced guard had lost touch with the scouts, and a halt was called until connection should be re-established.

This took some while, but when done and a foolishly chosen guide suitably admonished, we ventured forward. For four hours and a half we pursued our serpentine wanderings from above we must have looked like a monster snake in the grass and then a short halt was called and packs were put off for a few minutes. Between noon and 1 o'clock just as we had resumed, firing broke clear and shrapnel our forward scouts were engaged. The column moved slowly forward, the fire grew more rapid and insistent. The advanced guard was coming into action.

The staff dismounted and the native porters promptly bagged every available inch of cover. I noticed this particularity because I marked a bit of a tree and a bush for myself in the case of things becoming hot. To have availed myself of it was by now impossible; a group of Swahili, their loads piled before them, lay a writhing heap of sweating, fearful humanity of which the under man considered himself a bit off. An odd bullet or two whizzed like arrows. Then along the path ahead came hurrying men and mules.

Hurrying back! The Brigadier frowned. "What's the matter?" he asked.

"Bees," shouted a perspiring corporal. "The ammunition mules have stamped."

The situation seemed absurd, but it might become serious. Down the line raced muleteers, cloths over their faces, their animals plunging and rearing. "Away in front of the rifle squad viciously. Then for a moment there was a lull, the bee attack, it seemed, had ceased, but the firing continued. Then a report came from ahead that the enemy's trenches had been taken in the flank, and the attack was on.

At that same moment came an ominous sound from behind us. The bees had taken us on the flank. The staff commenced to move forward, and then—angel and ministers of grace defend us—the bees were on us. I saw the General joined forward by his horse and caught a flying glimpse of the formation of a Brigade Major hanging on to plunging chargers with one hand, while the other slapped viciously at bees with the other, and then I went flying into the jungle on the flank. I haven't let go my horse, for upon my saddle was my portfolio with all my notes and diary of the campaign, and all the articles that the Censor thinks "had better be published by and by." A bee outpost attended to me personally, stung me on my leg and two in my cheek; a short minute took us into the depth of the towering grass, and I was safe from the bees—but I have no bump of locality, and I had to find my way back to the column.

Calming the indignant and perspiring horse, we were all perspiring, and that particularly known bees with their nice sense of smell. I started back, but progress was difficult, and suddenly there came a burst of fire from quite a different point of the compass at which I supposed the front line had been attacked. A second attempt to rejoin the staff with my horse resulted in defeat by four bees, and then humping my precious portfolio I left my horse to be brought forward later on and followed a deviation that avoided bees. We—I had found the rear-guard—tramped stolidly forward across the river and dig on for the night. The order, and we debouched into a harvested maize field, a rifle squad jumping into the earth.

It was surrounded by a smooth ground. Intelligence had set up a cord

A SALT GABELLE OFFICER'S M.C.

ROBE FOOTBALLER AT LA BOISSELLE.

Capt. D. H. James, son of Capt. James, of Kobe, who is well-known in Shanghai and northern China, has been awarded the Military Cross. Capt. James, who has two brothers at the front, represented the "Daily Telegraph" in the Russo-Japanese War and wrote an excellent account of the siege of Port Arthur; he was present at the capitulation of the fortress. Capt. James was in South Africa, later with coolies from China, and then he was appointed District Inspector of Mines, having a sound knowledge of both Chinese and Japanese. This appointment Mr. James gave up in order to serve in the war and, on going home, he was given a commission as captain.

It is interesting to recall that Capt. James was one of the men who represented Japan in the Interport Association Football match with Shanghai in 1912.

Capt. James won his Military Cross at La Boisselle where he took command of some disorganized and officerless troops and made a bombing counter-attack which stopped the 110th German Regiment from retaking La Boisselle. The British artillery, who had been informed in error that more than half of the village had been taken from the British, recommenced a terrific bombardment right among our troops, who were digging in. Capt. James sent up fares and signals to stop, so that he could drive home the attack. In order to hold off the German attack he advanced across the open with a small party of bombers and kept up long-range bombing from the top of the trench. Being an expert bomber he easily outranged the ordinary German bomber. For some time his small party was well in advance of the troops who were digging in, and it now formed a buffer between the German counter-attack and the defence. The Germans turned on machine guns, and by the explosion of a big shell the whole of the small party was wiped out with the exception of Capt. James, who was wounded in the right side. Capt. James, however, made his way to Artillery Headquarters, a distance of four miles, and made a report. He got his wound dressed at a dressing station and reported for duty, but was sent at once to Rouen, where complications set in and for a time his life was in danger. He is now recovering.

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W. D. KRAFT,

Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1916. 1345

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Green Island Cement Company Limited will be held at the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the General Managers of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, on FRIDAY the fifth day of January, 1917 at 12 o'clock noon when the following Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the said Company held on the fifteenth day of December, 1916 will be submitted for confirmation:

1. That the share capital of the Company be reduced from \$4,000,000 (Four million dollars) divided into 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, to \$3,000,000 (Three million dollars) divided into 300,000 (Three hundred thousand) shares of \$10 (Ten dollars) each, and that such reduction be effected by returning (on such date as the Company's Board of Directors shall appoint) to the holders of the 400,000 (Four hundred thousand) shares that have been issued paid up capital to the extent of \$2,500 (Two thousand and five hundred) per share and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said shares from \$10 (Ten dollars) to \$7.50 (Seven dollars and fifty cents).

2. That application be made to the Supreme Court of Hongkong to confirm the reduction of the capital of the Company in conformity with the foregoing Resolution.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1916.

By Order of the Board,

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

General Managers.

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THE DIARY

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Prince George's birthday (1902).

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Xmas Toys and Crackers at Messrs. Hughes and Houghton.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain, Embroideries, Curios etc. at Old Post Office Building.

4.30 p.m.—Matinee Performance of "Kismet".

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, Dec. 21.—

Legislative Council Meeting.

4.30 p.m.—Volley Match on U.S.R.C. ground, Volunteers v. R.G.A.

5.15 p.m.—Lecture at Government House by Capt. Pellet.

FRIDAY, Dec. 22.—

11 a.m.—Meeting of the Licensing Board.

SATURDAY, Dec. 23.—

9 p.m.—Extra Performance of "Kismet".

SAT. 23, SUN. 24 & MON. Dec. 25.—

Bogey Competition at Fanling.

SUNDAY, Dec. 24.—

9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by S.S. "Taihai".

MONDAY, Dec. 25.—

Public Holiday.

TUESDAY, Dec. 26.—

Public Holiday.

10 a.m.—Winter "Bisley" at Stonecutters.

10 a.m.—Mixed Foursome Competition at Fanling.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Salvaged Cargo ex "Wiley" at the T. Kwa Wa Godowns and Kowloon Godowns.

THURSDAY, Dec. 28.—

4.30 p.m.—Hockey Match on U.S.R.C. ground, Volunteers v. 14th Punjab.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Management of the Hongkong Hotel announces special dinners to be served on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. A band will be in attendance.

An unknown Chinese who apparently fell over the cliff above the No. 1 dock at Kowloon was found dead yesterday. Nearly every bone in his body was broken.

A fire which broke out in one of the godowns of the Imperial Japanese Tobacco Monopoly Bureau at Hiroshima on the 2nd inst., did damage to the extent of about 400,000 yen.

An old woman of 70 years was knocked down by a tram car in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday. She was removed to hospital suffering from various injuries and shock.

Five cases of enteric fever and four deaths were reported last week. One was a British case, the others Chinese. Five cases and two deaths from diphtheria (1 British, rest Chinese) were also notified.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday the following resolution was proposed:—"That it is desirable that the sum of \$3,000 inserted in the Estimates for the years 1916 and 1917, under the heading 'Miscellaneous Service Grants in aid of other institutions' be applied for the general purposes of the Chinese Public Dispensaries, at the discretion of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs."

A reader writes to suggest that as the A. D. C. performance of "Kismet" takes so long and does not finish till after half-past twelve, and as there is nothing that could possibly be cut out of the performance, it should be begun at 8 o'clock or a quarter past eight. The final curtain would then fall about half-past eleven or a quarter to twelve, thus enabling light refreshments to be obtained before making for home. It is also suggested that the Hongkong Hotel should obtain an extension of their Restaurant license (Grill Room)—not the Bar—up to 1 o'clock and provide light suppers from 12 to 1 with a...

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. G. E. Morrison has been spending a few days in Shanghai.

Sir Richard Dane, of the Chinese Salt Administration, has gone to Japan for a visit.

During the absence of Mr. H. P. Wilkinson from Shanghai Mr. Alan G. Mossop is to act as Crown Advocate.

Mr. H. von Heidenstein, Engineer in Chief to the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, has returned to Shanghai from a short trip to Sweden.

To-morrow is the birthday of Prince George, the youngest son but one of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary. Prince George was born in 1902.

News has been received in Shanghai that another Shanghai resident, Lieut. N. H. Rutherford, has received the Military Cross. Lieut. Rutherford, who was in the 3rd Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was recently wounded on the French front, and is now in hospital at Oxford.

Shanghai papers record with deep regret the death of Mr. Alfred Berry, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's Shanghai Office, son of Mr. G. F. P. Berry of Stockport. The late Mr. Berry was well known in the office, where he had served faithfully and well for two and a-half years, and his sudden death at the early age of twenty-seven years has been a great blow to all who knew him.

Captain Pellet, LL.D. has kindly consented to deliver a lecture at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday December 21st on "Central Asia as the meeting place of Eastern and Western Civilizations" under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, in the Ball Room at Government House, kindly lent for the purpose by the Governor. His Excellency cordially invites all who are interested in the subject, upon which Captain Pellet is a recognized authority, to avail themselves of this opportunity. H. E. the Governor will take the chair.

STOP PRESS NEWS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE M. M. MAGELLAN TORPEDOED.

EVERYONE ON BOARD RESCUED.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 19. A Berlin message reports the torpedoing of the French troopship *Magellan*, 8,000 tons. There were 1,000 on board.

A Marseilles telegram states that everyone was rescued.

WARRANT FOR M. VENEZELOS' ARREST.

ATHENS, Dec. 19. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of M. VenezeLOS on a charge of high treason.

THE MAGISTRACY.

A NAVAL YARD CASE

A Chinese lighterman in the employ of the Naval Yard was charged before Mr. Wood with stealing 146 lbs. of zinc, 191 lbs. of brass and copper, 4 pulley blocks and a steel water tank, belonging to the Admiralty, on the 15th inst. The charge was amended to one of receiving.

Acting sub-Inspector Allan said he had known the defendant several years. He had been employed as a lighterman at the Naval Yard, and was in temporary charge of lighter 259. Witness searched a number of lighters, including the one defendant had charge of. This was lying inside the chamber. No one was on board the lighter at the time. On a search being made witness found all the metal in one cabin and a steel water tank in another. Defendant denied the charge stating that the metal might have been stolen by a lighterman on leave; he knew nothing about them.

TRAGEDY ON BOARD A GODOWN LIGHTER.

A coolie employed on a lighter belonging to the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne this afternoon with murdering another coolie on November 27th. The story for the prosecution was that defendant struck deceased with a capstan spar as he came up [the hatch]. Deceased fell to the deck and vomited blood. He was removed to the Hospital by the Godown Co. before the Police had seen him and after lingering for ten days in a semi-unconscious condition he died. Defendant was arrested by a watchman as he was running on to the wharf.

Dr. Moore, Assistant Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital, said death was due to rupture of a blood vessel in the brain, which could have been caused by a severe blow from the capstan spar.

Defendant said deceased threw a bottle at him and he struck deceased with the spar.

Other evidence was called and defendant was committed for trial.

STAR CHARITIES.

With the kind permission of Lady May, the untold articles from the Toy Stall at the Ministering Children's League Bazaar have been distributed by Mrs. Bowley as follows:—

Toys and perfumes to the Netherlands Hospital, Italian Convent and Diocesan Girls' School, Cigarettes etc. to the Seamen's Institute and Soap to Mrs. Ede for soldiers' parcels.

The raffles for the Baby Doll and doll in cradle have been drawn by the Misses Iris and Dione May, the winning numbers being 30 (Miss J. Luck) for the former and 17 (Mrs. Arthur) for the latter.

The proceeds of the raffles and of the sale of a screen embroidered by Mrs. Bowley, amounting to \$98, will be sent home for Belgian children in England.

PONTIES FOR THE RACES.

Already a number of ponies have come down from Shanghai and the North and have commenced training for the Race Meeting, which has been fixed for February 26th, 27th and 28th. Goldena, the winner of the Tientsin champions, has arrived; as have also Adventure and Nyansa—a Shanghai pony that raced there last autumn meeting. Nyansa is in the same stable as Adventure. Mr. Ellis Kadoorie has had sent down Australian Chief, Pingwo Chief, Dalny Chief and Derby Chief; besides three griffins. Other griffins seen on the course are "six" belonging to Messrs. Logan and Basso and three owned by Mr. H. P. White. Sir Paul Chater's string are not expected till the first week in January. The following subscription griffins have already been drawn:—

- 1.—Black, Mr. C. C. Mackie.
- 2.—Grey, Waylong Mesa.
- 3.—Brown, Mr. A. R. Lowe.
- 4.—White, Mr. M. S. Saecon.
- 5.—Grey, Mr. C. E. Anton.
- 6.—White, Dr. Jordan.
- 7.—Dun, Mr. Sieg.
- 8.—Chestnut, Mr. A. L. Scarce.
- 9.—Chestnut, Mr. P. C. Potts.
- 10.—Chestnut, Mr. N. J. Stabb.
- 11.—Roan, Mr. C. W. Bewick.
- 12.—Grey, Mr. J. R. Ezra.
- 13.—Grey, Mr. D. M. Ross.
- 14.—Chestnut, Mr. J. Hennessey Seth.
- 15.—Black, Col. A. Chapman.
- 16.—Bay, Mr. Skates.
- 17.—Grey, Dr. Allan, Mr. R. M. Dyer and Mr. Fisher.
- 18.—Piebald, Mr. Henry Humphreys.
- 19.—Grey, Mr. Barton and Mr. R. P. Thursfield.
- 20.—Grey, Mr. H. L. Dowling.
- 21.—Black, Mr. E. Sheldin.
- 22.—Black, Mr. John Johnson.
- 23.—Black, Mr. Ellis Kadoorie.
- 24.—Dun, Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G.
- 25.—Grey, Mr. G. T. Moxon.
- 26.—Black, Messrs. Thomas and Seigwick.

The thirteen arrived yesterday were drawn as follows:—

- 34.—Grey, Mr. C. E. Anton.
- 35.—Chestnut, Mr. B. D. F. Bath.
- 36.—Piebald, Messrs. R. M. Dyer and C. C. Boyd.
- 37.—Chestnut, Mr. M. T. Johnson.
- 38.—Brown, Mr. Sieg.
- 39.—Brown, Mr. G. C. Moxon.
- 40.—Piebald, Mr. Scores.
- 41.—Dark grey, Messrs. Harold Seth and E. de Vaux.
- 42.—Dark grey, Messrs. Logan and Basso.
- 43.—Dark grey, Messrs. Logan and Basso.
- 44.—Dun, Mr. Skates.
- 45.—Grey, Mr. Bewick.
- 46.—Bay, Mr. H. M. H. Nemazee.

SPORTING.

CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY v. NAVY.

The following will represent the University in the above match on Wednesday the 20th inst. on the Craighower Ground at 1.30 p.m. sharp:—

A. H. Rumbold (Capt), G. E. Trelby, K. Graydon, F. Redmond, J. D. Wright, R. Ponsbury, F. de Souza, D. P. Dixon, Chow Yat Cheung, W. Gittins, and W. Hall.

Scorer—G. S. Kwoh.

YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

Owing to the wind falling light on Saturday the fourth of the series of Club Championship Races for the Handicap, One Design, Hayward Hays and Guel Classes had to be abandoned.

The second of the series of Club Championship Races for the Cruiser Class was sailed off on Sunday last.

Course—Admiralty Rock (S) Distance 30 miles.

CHINESE RIG.

Yacht: Hicap on Finishing Corrected Course. Time. Time.

Miranda 4 40 5 35 38 5 28 38
Cemone 4 40 5 35 38 5 00 38
Dorothy II 21 40 5 30 22 5 08 22
Lady Godiva 46 40 D N S

Position. Pts. for race Pts. to date
(1) Dorothy II 6 12
(2) Cemone 4 8
(3) Scotlanden 3 5
(4) Miranda 2 2
— Lady Godiva —

ENGLISH RIG.

Yacht: Hicap on Finishing Corrected Course. Time. Time.

Feathers over 1 40 5 02 33 5 04 17
Irene receives 6 40 5 34 07 5 27 27
Vesper 6 40 D N S
Queen Bee 6 40 D N S

Position. Points for race Points to date
(1) Feathers 5 10
(2) Irene 3 3
(3) Vesper 2 2
— Queen Bee —

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THE AMERICAN LOAN.

PERING, Dec. 18. Two million dollars of the American Loan has been paid over at Tientsin.

THE GAMBLING QUESTION IN KWANGTUNG.

PERING, Dec. 18. More than a hundred Cantonese, under the presidency of Dr. Wu Ting Fang (Minister of Foreign Affairs), attended a meeting in the Capital to discuss the Gambling Question at Canton, and as a result it was decided to form an Anti-Gambling Society with a Committee consisting of five high officials, with the object in view of petitioning the President to issue a special mandate ordering the suppression of gambling at Canton, and notifying that any high official favouring gambling would be transferred immediately.

AN INCOME TAX.

PERING, Dec. 18. The Ministry of Finance intends to commence the levy of income tax in the new year, beginning with the official banks and pawnshops.

OPIUM PROHIBITION IN CHINA.

CHINESE NATIONAL CONFERENCE.

The following abstract of a speech made by the President of the Chinese National Opium Prohibition Union, Mr. An Ming, at the opening session of the National Opium Prohibition Conference, is given in our Peking Contemporaries:—

"To-day marks the opening of the National Opium Prohibition Conference. The gathering of Representatives of all the Provinces together with the delegates from the various official organs for the sole purpose of taking measures to suppress once for all the evil vice of opium is a historic event and a very memorable occasion in the history of the Union. It is now nine years since the conclusion of the Anglo-Chinese Agreement on the prohibition of the suppression of all opium at the end of ten years, next year will witness the coming into force of the last but the most important stipulation of the agreement. According to the 3rd article of the Agreement, the export of opium from India into the ports of Shanghai and Canton only comes into force on the condition that the Chinese Government succeeds in suppressing all opium plantations in the provinces. It is quite clear that unless all the provinces are declared free from opium, prohibition of opium cannot be expected. The successful fulfilment of the Agreement. It is important that the delegates from provinces should shoulder the responsibility of the complete suppression of opium plantation in their respective provinces. We can only let the British authorities have any excuse for delaying the successful fulfilment of the Agreement, which they would have if upon joint inspection any opium plantation should be discovered. The present situation is therefore, very important and it is exactly what the Great Prussian Minister Bismarck once said: 'The fate of the battle is generally decided by the last five minutes.'"

I need not detain you long with the history of the devastating vice of opium in China, for we have passed that stage where we feel called upon to press our right and claim on the civilized world to liberate us from the thralldom of the opium which had undermined our foundation for many decades. The vice of Opium and Morphia has long been recognized by the International Opium Suppression Conference at The Hague, and in 1912 an International Agreement was reached under which all nations have the right to prohibit the import of opium and the duty to exercise the import of opium into those countries where such import has already been regulated by mutual agreement.

I am sure that this gathering here is one and all for the complete suppression of the vice of opium from our country, and to demonstrate by our wholehearted activities in this great work of reform, our sincere desire to shake off the evil dust of centuries. We must oppose to the last ounce of our strength the import of Indian opium into Canton and Shanghai, so that we can show to our British sympathizers that we are capable of fighting the evil to the last.

I am also sure that this gathering with its distinguished members either in politics or in law, could do a great deal by the introduction of measures against the vice of opium. I hope that when we next meet again and I greet you from this forum, it will be my duty and privilege to arrange for a national celebration of the day when the country is purged from the vice of opium and no more opium can be traced in our land.

SMALLPOX INCREASING.

Four Europeans contracted the disease last week. The total number of cases for the year is now 531 with 409 deaths, as compared with 709 cases and 562 deaths for the whole of 1912. The work of vaccination is proceeding at the rate of about 700 to 800 Chinese a day, while a very large number of Europeans have also been vaccinated.

SPINNING PROFITS IN JAPAN.

PROJECTED AMALGAMATION OF LEADING COMPANIES.

Spinning shares in Japan, the *Japan Chronicle* says, have for some time past been booming, and most of the companies have made large increases in their capital, it being taken for granted that, though the extensions cannot be completed till after the war, the present prosperity, brought about largely by the war as it is, will continue permanently. Some of these extensions are projected for very different reasons. In the present state of the market the raw shares go off at a huge premium, and there is no very obvious reason why the companies should thus absorb money except that the boom gives them the chance of soaking it up like a sponge—and when money is offered in this way it would be foolish to refuse it. It is notable that the Kanagawachi management have several times denied rumours that they were going to follow the general example.

Much interest is taken in the affairs of the Fukuishima and Settsu spinning companies—always two of the most prosperous concerns in Japan, paying huge dividends for many years past. The directors of these companies have several times denied that any amalgamation is contemplated, but the rumours persist nevertheless, and according to the Osaka financial organs, "The Diamond" the directors, for all they may say, are in confidential consultation on the matter. As those interested in the shares of either company naturally want to know something about the standing of the other, the Osaka papers give some particulars.

At the end of the first half of the current year the Settsu Co. had reserves amounting to Y. 4,930,000, this amount being in excess of the total paid-up capital by two-fifths. The Fukuishima Co. at the same time had an accumulated reserve exceeding its paid-up capital by three-fifths. Against this advantage on the part of the Settsu may be set off the fact that the equipment of the Fukuishima mill amounts to 70 per cent of the capital per spindle, while that of the Settsu mill comes to Y. 28.68. As for the profits earned, the following table shows in detail:—

The Settsu Spinning Company.

	Profit on capital	Rate of dividend
1913—First half	88	30
Second half	76	30
1914—First half	57	30
Second half	31	30
1915—First half	44	30
Second half	43	30
1916—First half	78	35

The Fukuishima Spinning Company.

	Profit on capital	Rate of dividend
1913—First half	74.5	23
Second half	71.5	23
1914—First half	72.5	28
Second half	41.5	23
1915—First half	61.5	30
Second half	67.1	30
1916—First half	87.1	30

It will be seen that the real difference between the prosperity of the two concerns, taking all the above considerations into account, is very small. The advantage, which the Settsu mill enjoyed during the first half of the present year, may be explained as a mere market fluctuation in favour of higher count yarn.

It is therefore believed that the amalgamation, if effected, will be on a basis, if not of absolute equality, at least with a very small margin in favour of Settsu Company. The balance in favour of the Settsu may be turned by the fact that it gained an advantage by the fact that it increased its capital which both mills effected. The Settsu Co. increased its capital from Y. 3,500,000 to Y. 7,000,000, and one new share was given to the shareholders for every two held by them. The Fukuishima, on the other hand, increased its capital from Y. 1,350,250 to Y. 2,500,000, new shares being distributed at the rate of eight new shares to holders of ten old ones. The Settsu Co. thus received a larger sum in premia than the Fukuishima.

EYO COTTON CO. DIVIDEND.

At a meeting of the Consulting Committee of Eyo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd., held on the 18th inst., it was decided that the shareholders should be recommended to transfer Y. 125,000 from Equalization of Dividend Fund to Profit and Loss Account and apportion the balance available of Y. 268,508.91, as follows:—

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To pay dividend on Preference Shares at rate of 10 per cent. per annum	23,000.00

THE WAR.

LATEST TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE VERDUN VICTORY.

11,387 PRISONERS.

VIOLENT GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACK FAILS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

A communiqué states:—The Germans violently counter-attacked our new positions on the right bank of the Meuse, but did not succeed in gaining a footing, except at Chambray Farm, the immediate approaches to which, however, we continue to hold. We have up to the present counted 11,387 prisoners at Verdun since the 15th inst., including 284 officers.

We captured or destroyed 115 guns, 44 mine-throwers and 107 machine-guns.

ENEMY EJECTED FROM THE FARM.

LATER.

A communiqué states:—South of the Somme there has been fairly lively reciprocal artillery activity in the La Maisonnette sector. On the right of the Meuse, after a sharp fight, we ejected the enemy from Chambray Farm; the whole of which we have re-occupied. Two machine-guns were captured.

FURTHER INTERESTING DETAILS.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

The capture of Pepper Hill was the decisive event leading to the victory at Verdun.

The Germans were clinging desperately to the hill when unexpectedly there was an attack on their rear. A debacle followed. The enemy fled, leaving away their arms, munitions and equipment.

Our contingents cut off the retreat of the enemy who surrendered by hundreds. Further east the powerfully fortified Chambray Farm, on which 60 machine-guns were found, was gloriously assaulted by a weak force. A battery of 8-inch guns was found in an adjacent place, intact, the gunners being dead alongside them.

Big captures of munitions further testified to the completeness of the victory.

LATER.

An official announcement says:—On the right of the Meuse our new line from Vacheriauville to Bezonvaux, and particularly the Chambray Farm sector, has been bombarded. We replied.

BRITISH RAID TRENCHES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We successfully raided trenches at Renhart inflicting casualties by bombing and dug-outs were entered in the trenches.

South-West of Wytschaete we destroyed a machine-gun emplacement. The enemy blew a camouflaged eastwards of Ypres.

LATER.

Sir Douglas Haig reports that enemy trenches were successfully entered southward of Armentières last night, and a number of the occupants killed.

A GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The German evening official announcement says:—

There has been moderate fighting in the West and East.

Our army in Dobruja gained ground northwards. German aeroplanes bombed Russian warships at Sulina, and killed a hostile aeroplane which was using a machine-gun.

BRITISH HORSE-TRANSPORT SUBMARINED.

SEVENTEEN AMERICAN MULETEERS KILLED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Admiralty announces that the horse-transport *Ruslan*, west-bound empty, was submerged and sunk in the Mediterranean on the 14th inst. Eleven of the crew and 17 American muleteers were killed.

SHIPS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The steamers *Worminster* (British), *Drak* (Norwegian), *Michael Ouchouloff* (Danish), *Vala* (Swedish), and the sailing ships *Nalda* and *Cocostan*, *Mary* (British) have been sunk.

THE STRUGGLE IN RUMANIA.

A RUSSIAN SUCCESS.

ENEMY CAVALRY AVOIDS BATTLE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Russian communiqué says:—A strong enemy attack in the region of Walerutna was repelled at the point of the bayonet. We pursued them and secured a height on the Rumanian front.

Our cavalry twice rushed to attack the enemy cavalry which was attempting to attack our retreating troops in the region of Buzau. The enemy would not accept battle, and retired behind the infantry.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE MANY HEIGHTS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Russian communiqué states:—We have captured a number of heights in the Carpathians, taken 200 prisoners and repulsed enemy counter-attacks there and in the regions of Filipesi and Dibatoga, Rumania.

GERMAN AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A German communiqué states:—Our air squadrons attacked the enemy retreating towards Braila with visible effect.

IMPORTANT FIGHTING IMPENDING.

RUMANIAN ARMIES ARE COMPLETELY SAVED.

PARIS, Dec. 18.

Advices from Petrograd state that the enemy suffered enormous losses in Wallachia.

The Rumanian armies were completely saved and are at present on the other side of the Sereth where they are reorganizing.

The Russians are holding the ground on all fronts, except between Rimnicu and Sarat and in the Trotus region, where, however, General Averesco (the Rumanian Commander-in-Chief) is standing firm.

General Brusiloff has moved southward in South Moldavia. A vast Russo-Rumanian plan has been carried out and important fighting is impending.

THE MACEDONIAN FRONT.

BRITISH RAIDS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A Salonika despatch reports two successful raids by the British on the Struma front and Lake Doiran.

Our aeroplanes bombed Tumba station and damaged transport on the Ghevgeli-Cherniate Road.

SERBIAN PRISONERS STARVING IN AUSTRIA.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Serbian Legation reports that an escaped Russian Priest describes the Serbian prisoners in Austria as weak and emaciated. They search for roots and sometimes beg. He never saw a more wretched set of men.

SAFE CONDUCT FOR AN AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Foreign Office has granted Herr Tarnowski, the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Washington, safe conduct to the United States.

ITALIAN CABINET REORGANISATION.

ROME, Dec. 18.

A number of members of Parliament are urging Senator Boselli to appoint a War Committee on similar lines to the British and French.

EXCITEMENT IN TOKYO ALLAYED.

Tokyo, Dec. 18.

The excitement due to the announcement of the German Peace proposals has been allayed.

BOMBING RAIDS BY AIRSHIPS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The Air Board describes successful bombing raids in France. German artillery prisoners admit that large numbers of guns were directly hit as the result of accurate observation by British aviators.

THE ULTIMATUM TO GREECE.

ALLIES DEMANDED REPARATION FOR MURDERED SOLDIERS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A telegram from Athens states that the Allies have demanded Reparation for murdered soldiers in the shape of a salute to their flag.

The re-establishment of Allied control of the public services (i.e. posts, telegraphs, communications, etc.).

An indemnity.

Amnesty for Venizelists.

It is expected that the blockade will be maintained till these conditions are fulfilled.

The price of necessities has risen 80 per cent. in consequence of the blockade.

THE PERSECUTION OF THE VENEZELISTS.

The Athens Correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* states that 9,000 Venizelists are in prison and that 800 have been shot.

GRAVE HAPPENINGS IN THE PROVINCES.

A *Daily Mail* message from Syria, despatched on the 11th inst., reports grave happenings in the Greek provinces. Greek officers seized the guns and ammunition in Allied control at Volo, Larissa and Trikala, and expelled the controllers who were insulted by the crowds. At Volo a gang hauled British officers from a steamer, threw the furniture of the British control officers into the sea, and killed two French soldiers and a Greek interpreter.

PANIC ON ATHENS STOCK EXCHANGE.

ATHENS, Dec. 18.

There is panic on the Stock Exchange owing to the blockade.

TRANSPORT OF GREEK TROOPS TO MOREA.

LATER.

The transport of Greek troops to Morea began on Saturday. The passage of the trains was checked at Elis station.

Allied officers and French warships at Patras and Corinth are supervising.

THE FOOD SHORTAGE IN GERMANY.

KEY TO GERMANY'S PEACE OFFER.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.

The food shortage in Germany is the key to Germany's peace offer.

Herr Batsch, the Food Controller, twenty-four hours previous to the offer being announced, was told by the addressees that the potato crop was 20,000,000 tons compared with 30,000,000 tons last year, and that the grain crop was 1,500,000 tons short of the estimate.

The expectation of supplies from Rumania will not be realised, as Hungary and Austria are already quarrelling over it. The *Koelnische Zeitung* hints that Herr Koerber's fall is due to a quarrel with Count Tizze on this subject.

BLINDED IN THE WAR.

AN APPEAL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Sir Arthur Pearson makes the following appeal to the Press of the world:—

I request you to ask your readers to send a New Year's gift to help the men blinded by the war.

Their numbers are increasing very rapidly. I have nearly 300 learning to be blind and nearly 200 more coming shortly from hospital. One hundred and sixty already taught to read Braille and to type-write are settled in useful and profitable occupation.

A large permanent fund is needed to ensure adequate supervision and assistance to these and others following. The courage, determination and rapidity which is shown in overcoming the handicap is beyond all praise. I trust those possessing the inestimable gift of sight will send a New Year's thank-offering for the benefit of those who have given their eyes for the Empire.

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THE OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

BRITISH HOLD ON HAI RIVER EXTENDED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

It is officially announced that General Maude has extended his hold on the Hai river and has bombarded the Turkish positions with good results.

The cavalry discovered that the Turks are constructing a bridge over the Tigris six miles westward of Kut-el-Amara. Our casualties have been inconsiderable.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VERDUN VICTORY.

WAR RESTORED TO ITS TRUE PERSPECTIVE.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

A significant feature of the Verdun fighting was the apparent absence of German Reserves, and accounts agree that the dispirited Germans are beaten before they start. They fought only with artillery, and that wildly, and the trenches were carried in a very easy manner.

Snow fell heavily on the battlefield on Saturday, the ground was beglazed, and it was impossible to dig trenches.

The heroism displayed in retaining the ground was more conspicuous than the capture thereof, as the evacuation of the wounded and the bringing up of supplies was most difficult.

The English papers acclaim the victory as proving that at a moment of national crisis France's soldiers had proved heretofore Ambassadors in restoring the war to its true perspective.

They also point out that the German indecisive success in Rumania has in the East and West and include by stating that the Allied nations may contemplate the future with quiet minds.

BRITAIN'S PEACE TERMS.

OUR SACRED OBLIGATIONS TO OUR ALLIES.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, (a member of the War Cabinet) in the course of a speech, said that the peace-loving British would welcome peace, but they remembered that the offer emanated from a Power which had infamously proposed, in 1914, that we should betray France and acquiesce in the violation of Belgium.

Therefore, the proposals must be scrutinised in the light of our sacred obligations to the Allies, and must be tested by the principles for which we were fighting. Indemnities for the past would be insufficient without guarantees for the future, and the latter would not be insufficient without ample reparation being made to Belgium, Serbia and Poland.

If the proposals were merely a pretence to secure armistice, we must set our faces like steel and confront all hardships and dangers in order to secure a righteous peace.

ITALY AND PEACE.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Communications with Italy have been interrupted by snowstorms. Related messages from Rome show that the Italian press repudiates the idea of peace negotiations at present. Signor Smolao, speaking in the Chamber on Wednesday, said he had received the German Peace Note, which was most vague. Therefore, he deprecated any discussion, as it was most important the Allies should act in unison.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S DRASTIC PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Reynolds Newspaper states that in the event of anything like a concerted effort to oppose the drastic proposals which Mr. Lloyd George, the Premier, will submit to Parliament, the inner circle of the Premier's supporters make no secret of the possibility of an election.

BRITAIN'S FOOD PROBLEM.

A MEATLESS DAY EXPECTED.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

It is expected that Lord Davenport, Food Controller, will shortly enforce a meatless day, probably Thursday, (including private houses), sugar tickets, and the compulsory use of maize, oats, or barley in addition to wheat, in bread-making.

ITALY'S FINANCES.

LOOKING TO BRITAIN.

ROME, Dec. 18.

The Finance Minister, referring to the Budget, announced that last year there was a deficit of 168,000,000 lire. He foresaw no great difficulties in providing, in the forthcoming period, for internal expenses, while he was confident that they would cordially be given the support of the British Treasury to overcome their difficulties regarding war payments abroad.

ORDER RESTORED IN PORTUGAL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

Order is completely restored in Portugal, from which place trains are arriving normally.

RE-ELECTION BILL.

LONDON, Dec. 18.

The House of Commons has passed the Re-election Bill, dispensing with the necessity for the re-election of Ministers.

MAN-POWER.

The general situation on all fronts is neither gloomy nor more gloomy than we have the right to expect from the comparative forces engaged and the relationship of the different fronts, says Mr. Garvin in the *Observer*. If we add up all the field divisions engaged by the Allies and by the Central Powers, we doubt whether the numerical proportion of the Allies is greater than seven to five, and we think it correct that the central situation of the enemy, his superior railway system, and his excellent organisation, go very far to equalise matters between the two sides. We have not yet placed in the field sufficient forces to overwhelm the enemy, and some of our Allies are still inferior to the enemy in armament. We have just enough numerical superiority to seize the initiative and to attack, and all our Allied Armies have attacked with the utmost gallantry and resolution. We have the sense of superiority, and the spirit of the Allied Armies is magnificent, but we must openly say that the Allies are bound to place in the field larger forces next year in order to achieve better results than those which they have hitherto secured.

While the pressure upon the enemy should be continued on all fronts throughout the winter, where practicable, a very few of the Allies should meet together at once, review the events of the past year, and collectively advise upon the preparations to be made for the campaign next year, and the military operations to be executed. Now is the time to prepare. The raising of fresh levies, together with their equipment and training, take many months, and it is time for us to face the fact that unless we can between us develop a greater numerical superiority over the enemy in man and munitions, we produce some better strategic plan than that which we have hitherto followed, the decisive defeat of the enemy's armies by military means will scarcely be accomplished during the year 1917. Greatly though Germany has suffered, heavily though Austria has been hit, and although the strain upon Germany must be to sustain the conflict over a front at least ten times as long as that which our British Armies occupy, we are still not convinced that we can wear down our stubborn enemy during next year's campaigning season if we are content to rub along with no more than the field effectiveness which we now possess.

Germany would not have created her new divisions which imply, at all events, new artillery, new machine-gun detachments, and all the other attendant services, had she not seen her way to maintain them, and though we think it true that the exhaustion of German man-power is the only sure means of ending the war, we are not convinced that this object is even yet within a measurable distance. German strength in the field are still normally maintained; the class of 1916 has only been partially engaged; the classes of 1918 and perhaps 1919 are in sight; men over the age of 48 have, for breach of contract, been called upon; and even if Germany be next year finally thrown back upon a pure defensive, the strength of this form of war, the virtue of semi-permanent field defences and obstacles, and the proved capacity of the German stock to take and bear punishment, render it probable that our principal enemy may still be able to live through next year's campaign unless we develop stronger hitting power and take an altogether heavier part of the march; and extent of the effort demanded of us than we do at present.

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SIAMESE NAVY'S CLAIM.

In the Bangkok Civil Court on November 27 the hearing was begun of the case brought by the Ministry of Marine against the Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd., for T.S. 20,124 for breach of contract, says the Bangkok Times. The particulars set forth that on October 20, 1915, the defendant company made a contract with the Ministry of Marine to build a ferro-concrete building at Bang Sa for T.S. 16,000. During the progress of the work defendant company made a further agreement with the Ministry for an extension of the building and extra work for filling in earth on the back of the previous extension for the sum of T.S. 8,000. Plaintiff alleges that part of the first building gave way on June 8, June 23 and August 18. Plaintiff has notified defendant company that they would be held responsible for the damage, but defendant contended the building had been handed over and that the cause of the building falling out was an explosion of a bomb which was not defendant company's fault. Plaintiff appointed an expert to examine the building, and his opinion being that the explosion had nothing to do with the accident, the Ministry gave a contract to another party for T.S. 27,538 to rebuild the damaged building in good condition.

BATTLE'S AFTERMATH.

Mr. E. Ahmed Bartlett, writing in the *Daily Telegraph*, says:—The throwing back of the German lines enables you to visit for the first time since the battle of Verdun commenced last February acres of ground which has long remained No. Man's Land, and which remains littered with all the debris of a long series of terrible fights. There are thousands of rifles and half-buried machine-guns, debris of every description, and thousands and thousands of exploded and unexploded shells. Corpses are in all stages of decay, some reduced to skeletons, others with some flesh still remaining, and grinning horribly, as if they were pleased to see the lines again. As new trenches are cut in the valley of Fleury the bodies came out of the ground or from part of the walls. There has been no time to clear up the mess, and the scene presents perhaps the most awful spectacle of the horrors of war I have ever seen. Both sides are fighting over a vast cemetery where every shell thrown up to the surface what remains of an old victim of an Emperor's ambition and perhaps buried a fresh one in the open tomb. Of the village, and station of Fleury nothing remains whatsoever. You cannot tell until you are actually on the spot that any dwellings ever stood there. It is impossible to read the topography of this country from the map, because so many former landmarks have been pounded into the bosom of another earth.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

WINTER "BISLEN" BOXING DAY.

TRAFFIC.

Officers in charge of Teams are requested not to fall in sending in the names of the members of their Teams not later than Wednesday, December 20th. The names are required for Boxing Day purposes. The information must be sent to Mr. F. O. Jenkins's Change Room, Prince's Buildings, 100, Queen's Street.

TRAFFIC.

Visitors to the Range are advised that Tiffin will be provided by the Wiseman Cafe, Ltd. (and not by the Alders Cafe as previously announced). All officers are invited to tiffin with the Police Reserve Superintendents. All Commissions and orders on duty in the Firing Point and in the Butts will be given to the guests of the Police Reserve Headquarters Club. Others may obtain Tiffin by making early arrangements with the Wiseman Cafe (Tel. 407).

SQUADRON.

Each Comptroller will be furnished with a squad ticket, showing the place where they target at which he must fire. Mr. S. J. Chinn, Chief Inspector (Firing), H.K.P.R., will act as Squad Officer. Firing will commence at 10 a.m. promptly.

LUNCHES.

Lunches will be served at the following places:—
Murray Pier (and not Blake Pier) as follows:—At 8.45 a.m., 9 a.m., 9.15 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 10.30 a.m., and 2 p.m. And from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., 5 p.m., 5.15 p.m., and 5.30 p.m.
They are free to all men in service uniform, and by ladies.

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